

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows: